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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN INTEREST IN CCD MEMBERSHIP

1. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM JUNE 21 TO REQUEST US SUPPORT FOR NORWAY'S BID TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD) IN THE LIKELY EVENT THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERSHIP WILL BE ENLARGED.

AMBASSADOR SONNENFELD NOTED NORWAY'S STRONG AND ACTIVE SUPPORT OF DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL MEASURES AND ITS DESIRE TO HAVE A MORE DIRECT ROLE IN THIS AREA THROUGH

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PARTICIPATION IN THE CCD. NORWAY'S NATO ROLE ALSO QUALIFIED IT FOR INCLUSION, THE AMBASSADOR ADDED, BECAUSE THE NORDIC STATES WERE REPRESENTED BY A NEUTRAL (SWEDEN) AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO NATO INTERESTS TO HAVE ANOTHER ALLIANCE PARTY IN THE CCD. AFTER MAKING ORAL PRESENTATION, THE AMBASSADOR HANDED OVER AN "AIDE MEMOIRE" WHICH CONTAINED THESE POINTS. (COPIES BEING POUCHED TO OSLO AND

DATAFAXED TO USUN.

2. UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM SAID THAT THE US WOULD TAKE SERIOUS NOTE OF NORWAY'S REQUEST. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT US SUPPORT FOR A CCD CANDIDATE USUALLY GOES TO THE

CANDIDATE PUT FORWARD BY THE COUNTRIES IN A PARTICULAR REGION AND THAT WE COULD NOT INDICATE WHOM WE WOULD SUPPORT AMONG THE ANTICIPATED CANDIDATES. AMBASSADOR SONNEFELD REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE US POLICY, BUT HOPED THAT WE WOULD GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO NORWAY'S BID.

3. UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE FINE AND DANGEROUS WORK OF THE NORWEGIAN CONTIGENT IN UNIFIL ESPECIALLY IN THE MOST RECENT TENSE SITUATIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. AMBASSADOR SONNENFELD EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE A MINIMUM OF VIOLENCE FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. VANCE

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